

Amendments to the Claims

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A device for opening a human bladder comprising:
an oblong member for opening the urethral sphincter and forming a distal end of the device, said oblong member being configured to open the urethral sphincter and drain fluid from the bladder into a urethra; ~~and~~
a guide member fixedly coupled with the oblong member for manipulating the oblong member, at least a part of the guide member being made of an elastically deformable material flexible enough to be bent into a first configuration and then unfolding from said first configuration into a second configuration in which said guide member is sufficiently rigid in a longitudinal direction to be used to insert ~~allowing~~ the oblong member into a urinary tract without buckling under longitudinal pressure associated with insertion;
a guiding device with a compartment for guiding drained urine, the guiding device being adapted to convey the oblong member from the compartment and into a urinary; and
a sealing element to seal between the compartment and the urinary canal.
2. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 1, wherein a cross-sectional area of a major part of the guide member at least in said first configuration is substantially smaller than a cross-sectional area of the oblong member.
3. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 1, wherein in said second configuration a cross sectional area of a major part of the guide member is smaller than a cross-sectional area of the oblong member.
4. (Previously Presented). The device according to claim 1, wherein the guide member in said first configuration is rolled.
5. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 1, wherein at least a part of the guide member in said first configuration is bent by an essentially elastic formation of said guide member.
6. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 1, packed in said first configuration, wherein the guide member is adapted to unfold upon un-packaging of the device.
7. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 1, wherein the guide member is made of metal or from a polymer material or from a composite material.
8. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 1, wherein the guide member includes a gripping element.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 9, wherein the slack tube and the oblong member are provided in one piece and so that the channel is fluidly coupled with the slack tube.

11. (Cancelled).

12. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 9, wherein the slack tube includes a gripping element allowing the user to grip the slack tube for removing the oblong member from a urinary canal.

13. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 1, wherein at least part of the device is provided with a surface which is hydrophilic.

14. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 1, wherein the oblong member is solid.

15. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 1, wherein the oblong member allows storage in a bent configuration.

16. (Cancelled).

17. (Currently Amended) The device according to claim ~~16~~1, further comprising a receptacle in fluid communication with the compartment of the guiding device.

18. (Cancelled).

19. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 17, wherein the receptacle is formed of a flexible material allowing manipulation of the guide member through a wall of the receptacle.

20. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 1, wherein the guide member is connected to one end of said oblong member and is in substantially linear alignment therewith.

21. (Currently Amended) A device for opening a human bladder comprising:
a solid oblong member for opening the urethral sphincter and forming a distal end of the device, said oblong member being configured to open the urethral sphincter and drain fluid from the bladder via a channel disposed along an exterior of the oblong member; and
a guide member fixedly coupled with the oblong member for manipulating the oblong member, at least a part of the guide member being made of an elastically deformable material flexible enough to be bent into a first configuration and then unfolding from said first configuration into a second configuration in which said guide member is sufficiently rigid in a longitudinal direction

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to be used to insert allowing the oblong member into a urinary tract without buckling under longitudinal pressure associated with insertion wherein the device further comprises a slack tube, the slack tube being less rigid than the oblong member and the slack tube is longer than the guide member.